

Species B directed to an endoscopic and a treatment accessory integrated at the distal end of the endoscope shaft wherein the treatment accessory further comprises a staple, an anvil and a staple drive (See Fig. 24); and

Species C directed to an endoscopic and a treatment accessory integrated at the distal end of the endoscope shaft wherein the treatment accessory further comprises a tissue grasping device operated to grasp tissue and pull it through an access port (See Fig. 26).

By the foregoing, Applicant has made the election of species A wherein the treatment accessory includes a needle. Claims 2-9 and 12-21 are believed to correspond to elected species A.

Having made the foregoing election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions with the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to advance this application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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